

**City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2013
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Jake Banfield-Weir, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

Guests – Leah Healy (Urban Corps), Guy Preuss (Skyline-Paradise Hills), Jeff Burnham and Ron Matranga (Atlas Environmental Services), Troy Murphree, Jake Sibley (SD Canyonlands), John & Kim Morlan (Morlans Arboriculture)

City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Andrea Demich, Wayne Lucero

3) **Approval of Minutes:** January 9, 2013 approved without edits. Approved acceptance of amendment to November 14, 2012 minutes [Lamprides/Banfield-Weir]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. The City submitted the application for a \$75,000 grant to develop an urban forest management plan. Inland Urban Forests Council has been identified as the consultant to assist with review of current information, outreach, planning workshops, recommendations, and draft and final report.
- b. New Infrastructure Council Committee forming. C. Jones will be attending and a working group will write a letter outlining CFAB concerns.

5) **Working Group Reports:**

- a. Funding/Partnerships presented a draft budget priorities list, suggestions for developing FY 2014 budget recommendations, including the following recommendations: Creating Urban Forester umbrella position, creating an outreach specialist to provide extra support, increasing shade tree planting and trimming budget, providing Tree Warden oversight, implementing an inventory project.

6) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda

- a. Update/schedule of Community Plan Updates (N. Bragado, Planning). Tabled for next meeting.
- b. Information about Urban Greening Planning grant for North Bay-Midway (N. Bragado, Planning). Tabled for next meeting.

7) **Discussion Item(s):** none

8) Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of Urban Forest Management Plan Background and Current Conditions report. [Lamprides/Banfield-Weir]
- b. Approve draft Budget Priorities list. [Lamprides/C.Jones]

9) Public Comment:

- a. Guy Preuss thanked Rivet for recent presentation to community group
- b. Mary thanked Urban Corps for planting 16 trees in her community
- c. Member of the public expressed appreciation for the green assets the City manages.
- d. J.Jones is working with the Rolando residents' group regarding the silk oaks on Rolando Blvd.
- e. Becker had questions about the trees on B Street downtown
- f. Rivet has a state grant to provide public education on trees and is looking to set up an education center.
- g. CFAB notified of removal permit issuance by Street Division for one eucalyptus tree located adjacent to 7835 Ivanhoe Av. CPG reviewed and approved with replacement trees being provided by applicant per LJCP Street Tree Recommendations.

10) For Next Meeting:

- a. Report on Landscape Code violations from Code Compliance section.
- b. City's tree contract management oversight process.
- c. Review decision on Cape Chestnut tree designation as a Heritage Tree.
- d. Review CFAB webpage.

11) Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.